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RE:

Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke")

2005 Duke Fall Forecast

Motion for Confidential Treatment

2005-356-E

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Duke has adopted a new Long-Term Forecast for the period 2005-2015 ("Fall 2005 Forecast"), and we enclose 26 copies for filing with the Commission. A copy is being hand delivered to the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") on even date.

The summer peak is projected to grow an average of 1.8% per year in this year's forecast. The winter peak is projected to grow at 1.5% per year. The system will remain summer peaking throughout the forecast horizon.

The forecast information provided in the 2005 Forecast is the basis for Duke's Annual Plan. There are some adjustments made from the Forecast to arrive at the load forecast information included in the Annual Plan. Please refer to pages 20-21 of the Load Forecasting section of the Annual Plan for a detailed description of the differences.

This filing is made in compliance with Commission Order No: 2005-226, "ORDER REQUIRING DESIGNATION OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS." The Confidential information filed herein is proprietary, commercially sensitive, and trade secrets.

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Also pursuant to the Order described hereinabove, the material designated as confidential is provided in a separate envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL".

Please consider this correspondence as Duke's Motion to accord confidential treatment to the materials so designated, as explained hereinabove.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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Enclosures

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